Financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh for preparation of master plan for Places of Tourist Importance

3331. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to provide financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh for preparing a master plan for integrated development of places of tourists importance,

(b) if so, the details of the schemes, estimated cost and contribution by the Centre;

(c) whether a similar aid is expected to be given to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Government of Madhya Pradesh has not sent any proposal for the preparation of a master plan for integrated development of places of tourist importance to the Department of Tourism, Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Department of Tourism, Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Declaration of Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya as World Heritage site by UNESCO

3332. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the UNESCO to declare the Mahabodhi temple at Bodh Gaya as world heritage sites;

(b) if so, what is their reaction; and

(c) by when, it is likely to be given the status of world heritage site?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has submitted the nomination for inscription of Mahabodhi Temple Complex (Bihar) on the World Heritage List. However, the proposal has